

The butcher boy says

WE'VE LOTS TO BE
THANKFUL FOR



And so you will have too if you buy your New Year's Turkey here. A celebration of this great American holiday will not be a complete success unless you have "Turk" for dinner. We have the bird befitting the day and the occasion. Tell us to save one for you.

F. H. MILKS

OUR BEST WISHES

FOR A

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

For one and all, and our thanks for their liberal patronage during the closing year of 1912.

BRENNER'S CASH STORE

TO CLOSE OUT A BIG LINE OF
Boys' Rubbers

AT 50 CENTS A PAIR
ALSO

Boys' Heavy Sweaters - 35c
Boys' Heavy Overshirts - 25c

The Best
GROCERIES

That Money
Can Buy

Our Grocery Department is always in Tip-Top Order. We can furnish your table wants with groceries that are fresh and delicious—delivered promptly.

AT H. PETERSEN'S GROCERY STORE

Start the New Year
Right

And Subscribe for the Avalanche

You'll enjoy it the year around and it will give you many an interesting article to your benefit.

REV. FLEMING WRITES FROM ALMA

INTERESTING LETTER FROM
OUR FORMER PASTOR.

Something About Alma And a
Message to Grayling Friends.

Alma, Mich.
Dec. 21, 1912.
Crawford Avalanche,
Grayling, Mich.

My Dear Schumann—
The approach of the Christmas holidays reminds us of those delightful social obligations which rests upon us with every round of the seasons.

If our pocket-books are drained to meet the demands of these festive days it draws upon the great deep of our social nature and thus adds richness and sentiment to life.

Naturally I fell to thinking about Grayling friends, and across those invisible "wires" of friendship, more potent than the electrical, flashed the unspoken word,—"and I wondered what my friends there are doing now—adays. Busy, no doubt, just as we all are, during this busiest of busy seasons.

We are getting accustomed to our new surroundings; tho, in the social scale, it is not Grayling.

This is no reflection upon Alma, whose social, educational and religious advantages are second to none in the state, but most of the people here are still strangers to me. I am sure we shall come to enjoy our new home in Alma, more and more, as we become better acquainted.

This young and growing city, of something over 3,500 inhabitants, has many natural resources besides a splendid farming country around about it. But its acquired advantages bring it into the lime light of public notice as few cities of the size can boast.

Wealth and culture have done much for Alma, and promises to do much more. It is becoming a manufacturing center of considerable prominence in this part of the state. The Automobile Truck Co. is putting out some of the best and largest machines of the kind in the country.

Everyone knows something about Alma college, but few people I suppose have heard of the college extension system which the new president is pushing toward success; a system which proposes to bring the college to the doors of other towns in this part of Michigan.

The public school of Alma, with their fine new high school building, measures up pretty well up to the college in their system of instruction. The new boulevard electric light system, with its 100 posts, surmounted with three large globes of 60 power tungsten lamps, makes the street almost as light as day.

The wiring is all under ground, thus doing away with the unsightly poles. Next to the college, the Masonic Home brings Alma in touch with the larger constituency of Michigan.

Through the generosity of Mr. A. W. Wright, the Masons of Michigan received one of the richest bequests ever given to a leading fraternity in the country. It is a beautiful home of which the Free Masons of Michigan are justly proud.

My family and myself were entertained at St. Louis, Thanksgiving day with relatives.

One who sat with us at the table and enjoyed that magnificent hospitality was a guest from the Masonic Home, a delightful old lady and a special friend of the family.

Thereby hangs a tale of tender sentiment, and early pioneer history.

This old lady of whom I speak belonged to the highest circles of wealth and social standing in the state. Her husband's father was a prominent politician and ran for governor of Michigan back in the forties; but reverses of fortune wrought havoc in the estate and she is here enjoying the quiet of the home in cheerful content, honored and loved, and awaiting the Home gathering over there.

I could tell you another, whom I know personally, whose history, if told would reveal a bit of pioneer romance in which her father figured as the founder of one of the most beautiful villages in southern Michigan.

Reverently, almost, they speak of the Home as their earthly heritage, bequeathed from those they loved as members of the fraternal order so dear to them.

Here's to the Grayling friends! May the holiday season of 1912-13 bring you much of joy and prosperity! May its blessing last the whole year 'round.

Sincerely,
J. HUMPHRY FLEMING.

He Advertised—At Last.

There was a man in our town,
And he was wonderful wise;
He swore (it was his policy)
He would not advertise.
But one day he advertised,
And thereby hangs a tale,
The ad was set in quite small type
And headed "Sheriff's Sale."

HIS NEW YEAR THOUGHTS

The Eloquent Hopelessness of the
Well-Known Author, Robert
Louis Stevenson.

Beautiful in its simplicity and eloquence is the following gem for New Year meditation, culled from the magic pages of that lamented master of English prose—Robert Louis Stevenson.

"To be honest, to be kind—to earn a little and to spend a little less, to make the whole family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not begrudged, to keep a few friends but those without capitulation—above all, on the same grim condition to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy. He has an ambitious soul who would ask more; he has a hopeful spirit who should look in such an enterprise to be successful."



The Old, Old Story
by Wright A. Patterson

New Year's Eve—He Says:

My dear,
As the old year is departing
I am thinking
Of what the new
May have in store for us,
For you and me and Ethel.

I sit here smoking,
Burning up money needlessly,
Depriving myself and family
Of life's necessities
And possibly luxuries.

Let's add and multiply
These nickels—I destroy;
Let us figure interest and compound
it.

Why, they make dollars
They make bank accounts
Without the need
I should have been a millionaire.
I quit it now.

This night shall be my last
Of useless waste.

These nickels shall make of me
A Rockefeller, a Morgan or a Carnegie.

They mean an automobile.
A powerful, big red car.
Oh! such comfort as it will bring
With summer nights.
So smoothly gliding
Beneath the twinkling stars!

There is a college course for Ethel
In the nickels I will save,
And she shall pick the best.
No common boarding school
Or female seminary for her,
But one in keeping
With the standing of her old dad.

And, too, that trip to Europe.
We have often dreamed about.
That's possible now
With smoking out.

You'd better begin planning for it
soon.
And then, just possibly,
We might conclude
To keep right on and circle this old globe.

Won't that be grand?
And just to think
These things will come
From cutting out a useless habit.

And now, my dear,
Let's go another step.
There's candy for yourself and Ethel;
It's needless waste.
Just figure what it means.
See what life would be without it.

Why, in a year or two
I could quit the daily grind
And tell the "old man" to "go hang."
And with the interest compounded
We three would live at ease.
We'll call it done right now
And candy will be barred.

If only all the world
Would stop and think,
Would just apply a little sound horse sense,
These New Year resolutions
Would bring the millennium.
The cost of living
Would no longer be a problem.
Old age would have no terrors
For the poor.
Hail to the Year nineteen-thirteen.

FIDO'S RESOLUTION.



He resolves to be kind to all stray cats.

Mrs. Frank S. Burgess.

Mrs. Cora M. Burgess, wife of Frank S. Burgess, passed away at her home last Saturday evening at 9:15 o'clock. Mrs. Burgess had been in ill health for the past year, suffering from diabetes and an attack of winter cholera which were the causes of her death.

Mrs. Burgess was formerly Miss Cora M. Ballard, and was born in Genesee county. She came to Grayling about 15 years ago and on April 30, 1907 she was married to Mr. Frank Burgess, to whom the loss of his wife and companion comes as a severe shock.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist church, officiated by Rev. V. J. Hutton and interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

In the death of Mrs. Burgess there are left in her immediate family, her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Marion Adams, of Clare county and Miss Edith Ballard, of this city; a brother, James Ballard, of Buckley, and Ransom Burgess, a step-son.

Other relatives in attendance at the funeral were Mrs. Ella Jones, of Clif; Chelson Heath and Miss Elsie Heath, of Birch Run; and Mrs. Julia Ingles, of Mackinaw City.

The community extends to the bereaved husband and others, their heartfelt sympathy.

The Home Circle

Are you an "if" or a "can."

Honesty and good manners always bring good returns.

Lost—Somewhere in a deck of cards, a good reputation.

There is ever a new field in the business world for the ambitious.

Opportunity and possibilities never rise on the horizon of the pessimist.

There are many housekeepers who work sixteen hours a day, while three or four healthy, active boys stand around and watch her. They cannot help her because housework is "girl's work," and they cannot lower their standard of American manhood. A little reform would work for good in more ways than one in all such cases.

As we went to our office yesterday we saw one of our citizens beating his dog. The dog desired to follow in spite of the kicks he received, simply because he loved him. As a matter of fact a dog will die for a master who starves and beats him, while man—divine man himself—has been known to sneak away from a friend in trouble, disavowing all obligations. It was a philosopher none to cynical who said "my dog saw of men, the more he thought of dogs." The dog is always genuine, always frank, and honest and faithful. He shows more honesty in one way of his tail than some men do in a whole lifetime. Speechless he can express more love than a man can, and he never expresses it falsely. His humble professions are true, whatever befall, till death itself.

TRUE COURTESY

After all that has been said about rare treasures of art and nature that lend attraction to the home and its surroundings, it remains that the fair

Greetings 1913

We cordially extend to the people of this section our best wishes for a Happy New Year. May good fortune smile upon you and bring you fortune and good cheer, with our thanks and appreciation for the many courtesies extended to us during the year 1912, we humbly remain—sincerely yours

C. J. HATHAWAY

CITY ATTRACTIONS.

The illustration of the sea bird drawn to its doom by the glare of the beacon lights finds no truer prototype than in the case of the country girl lured from her home by dreams of fortune to be realized in the great city. As ignorant of the wiles of evil as a mouse is of the mechanism of a trap, unsophisticated in the blandishments of sin; holding to the belief that sheep and goats never mingle she drops into the maelstrom of a city existence as a snowflake settles into a river. "One moment white, then gone forever." There lie, in wait for innocence, the wide world over, a legion of plotting devils arrayed in liveries of light, the most appealing advertisements that are tent hooks with which the devil angles our souls; employers who fearlessly take the pains to hide the fangs of wolves behind their smiling lips; boarding houses infested with other and more hideous vermin than the rat and the roach. Companionship of more fatal effect to the soul than hydrant water to the health; counselors who spin viewless webs and plot ruin as the spider works destruction to the stupid fly. All these and a great many more pitfalls lie in the way of a country girl as she turns her light step from the cowpath and green turf to take her place in the ranks of those who walk the daily path of toil.

Girls listen! to your mothers; you will never regret it. No matter what your advantages are above what hers were, you are no better. You can rest assured that it is no book learning or knowledge of fashion that will keep your feet away from the many pitfalls that she can warn you from, in a tender loving fashion, that you would do well to heed. No matter how mothers may speak, you may rest assured their hearts are in the right place and that they want their daughters to be innocent and good, rather than fashionable.

Ladies' Tailor Made Clothes.

I have now the new line of samples for fall and winter on hand for ladies tailor-made clothes, made by the New York Garment Co. Satisfaction Guaranteed. A. E. HENDRICKSON, 912 tf. Merchant Taylor

RESOLVED

That I will buy my groceries where price prevails.

Further resolved, that I will accept no inferior goods or allow any one to impose upon my good judgement.

Further resolved, that those eating at my table shall be amply furnished.

Further resolved, that the best place to buy is

SIMPSON'S



THE AVALANCHE

O. P. SCHUMAS, Pub.

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

WOMEN WITH PRETTY HANDS

Chinese Have the Most Beautiful—
Spanish Use Their
Best

A Kief paper publishes a study of women's hands by Mme. Sjeblow, which has been reproduced in a Paris magazine. According to this authority Chinese women have the most beautiful hands. Their fingers are narrow, free from knots, as soft as velvet yet not flabby, but they keep the nails of the left hand a little long.

Hebrew women have fine hands, although the bones are too tender, with the result that the last joint has a tendency to turn outward.

American women, by taking great pains, have fine hands in appearance, but they are hard on contact. The back of their hands is slightly reddened and the inner side hardened by sports.

German women have villainous hands, and English women are not much better. Russian and French women have small hands, even too small, and they load them with rings. Rings should be used only to hide defects.

Italian women also have small hands, but they do not keep them clean. The hands of a Spanish woman have a classic beauty and their movements are incomparable. Such hands cannot be described; they can only be admired. When they manipulate a fan, or roll a cigarette, when they raise a skirt or arrange a mantilla it is always done with infinite grace. A Spanish woman alone knows how to use her hands as they truly should be used.—New York Sun.

What Every Wife Needs.

She needs a good temper, a cheerful disposition and a knowledge of how her husband should be treated. She needs a capability of looking on the bright side of life and refusing to be worried by small things. She needs a secure sense of self and should not be above studying even politics in order to understand should her husband speak of them. She needs a sympathetic nature in order that, should sorrow fall upon them, she may be able to give comfort to her husband, says Woman's Life. She needs to understand something of sick nursing; a wife with no notion of what to do in cases of illness is but a useless thing. She needs considerable tact and patience—the one to enable her to know when to remain silent and vice versa, and the other to put up with him when his temper is roused.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Kissed the Women Jurors.

Hugs and kisses for the women and shaking hands for the men on the jury made up a part of the trial of Matthew Murray, an attorney of Tacoma, Wash., charged with defrauding an ignorant client. The young attorney's wife gave the kisses and they followed a verdict of not guilty, capping the climax in the court, made sensational by the defendant's personal appeal to the jury in which he wept, the women on the jury doing likewise.

Public Protection of Health.

Students of civic affairs comment frequently on the reluctance of municipal authorities and taxpayers to spend money for health protection. It is difficult to convince the average legislator or citizen that appropriate funds for this purpose are of greater public benefit than the spending of large sums on the protection of property. We are all inclined to take chances on the lives of ourselves and our fellow-citizens.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Girl Who Talks Loudly.

The greatest mistake girls can make is to talk loudly in public places. Unfortunately the habit of thus discussing people and private affairs is very prevalent in omnibuses, trains or tenements, and it often gives rise to a good deal of mischief, as there is great danger in talking over personal matters when the speaker is not sure who is listening. Says Home Notes: The world is full of very small places, after all, and such conversation may be made use of in an unexpected way.—Exchange.

Going Too Far.

Mitchell Kennerley, the New York publisher, had just rejected a novel. The mortified author called to see Mr. Kennerley at his office about it. "I think you are making a grave mistake," the author said. "This book of mine is sensational. And don't you know, sir, that all the best sellers are sensational of late?" "That may be true," Mr. Kennerley answered coldly, "but surely it is going too far when you so misrepresents the English tongue as to make three or four sensations on every page."

Advantage.

"The attention I have given politics would have made me a fortune in private business," said the statesman. "Yes," replied Senator Sorghum, "but you are permitted to stay in the game, while if you had made a fortune you would be struggling to slip a contribution into somebody's campaign fund."

Sure Thing.

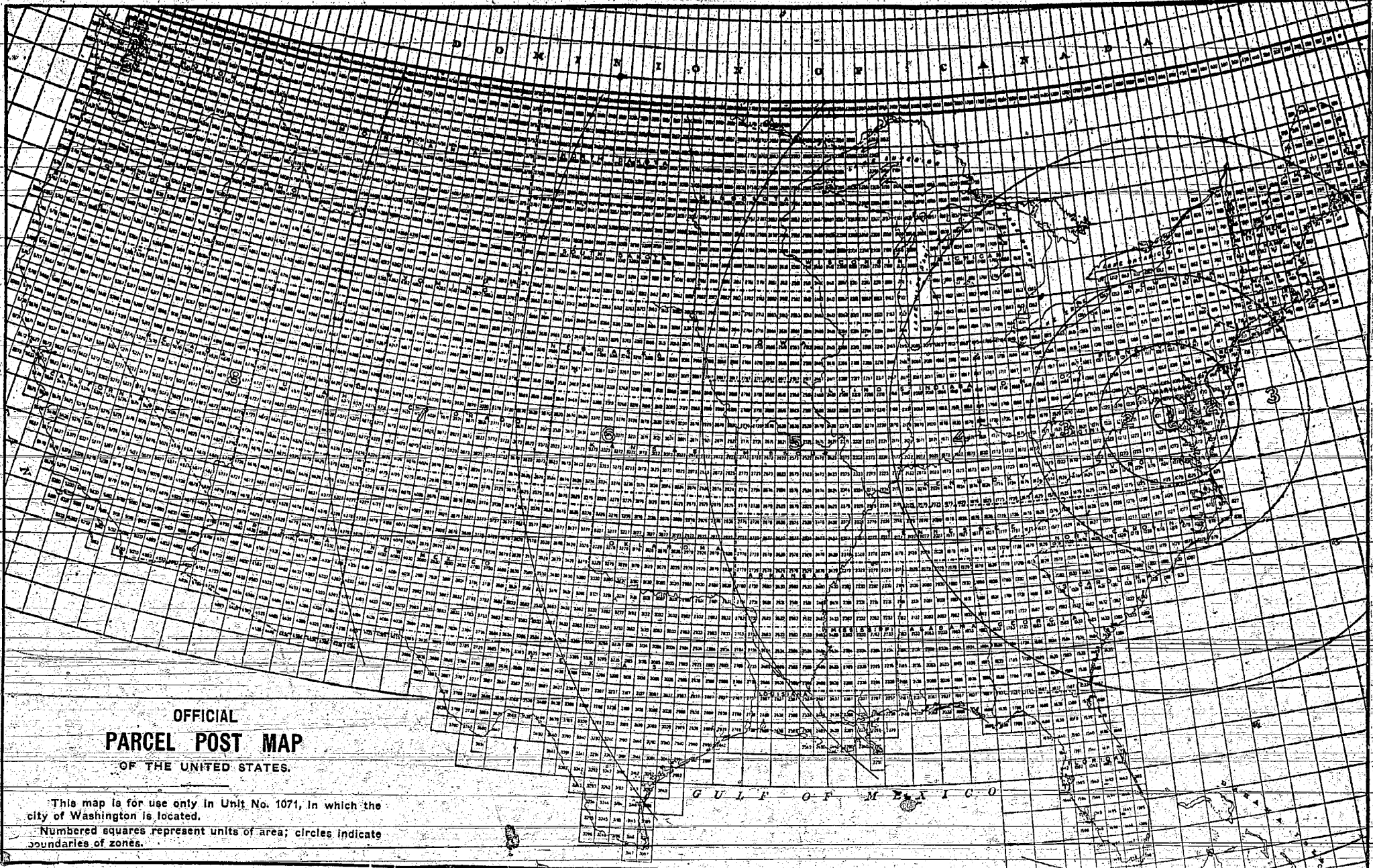
"I wonder what causes so many divorces?" "Marriage."—Kansas City Star.

Economical.

Johnny—Mamma, will you wash my face?
Mamma—Why, Johnny, can't you do that?
Johnny—Yes, but I'll have to wet my hands, and they don't need it.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Possibly He Does.

"Does your husband drink to excess?" "I don't know about that, but I suppose he does. Any excuse is good enough for him to drink to."



OFFICIAL PARCEL POST MAP OF THE UNITED STATES.

This map is for use only in Unit No. 1071, in which the city of Washington is located.
Numbered squares represent units of area; circles indicate boundaries of zones.

PARCEL POST RATES REGULATED THROUGH SYSTEM OF ZONES

Uncle Sam's New Enterprise Clearly Explained—How Charges Are Fixed and What Class of Merchandise May Be Carried Through the Mails Under the New Law.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.

With the coming of the New Year the United States government will enter into a new field of enterprise, the transmittal of merchandise by what is known as the parcel post.

It is no exaggeration to say that thousands upon thousands of inquiries have been made of the postmaster general as to just what the parcel post will mean to the people. It was the law of congress establishing the system which made provision for a division of the country into zones and into 35,000 units which are to be used as centers in describing the circles which mark the boundaries of the zones. There has been no clear understanding, apparently, of this zone system, but really it is a very simple matter.

The accompanying map shows the country divided into zones from the unit in which Washington is situated, as the center. Accompanying the map is a table showing the rate of postage per pound for parcels from Washington to places within all the zones.

Each unit contains an area thirty miles square. Now each unit is a circle drawn from the center of the country no matter where it is situated will have zones drawn from it just exactly as Washington has them drawn from it. For instance, take Keokuk, Ia., which is in a unit in the fifth zone. From that unit will be drawn circles exactly as they are drawn from Washington and they will be numbered from Keokuk as number one, just as they are numbered from Washington as number one. Of course, however, zone six will have a different geographical position as related to Keokuk than it has as related to Washington, but as the radius of the circles

drawn from Keokuk is the same length as the radius of the circles drawn from Washington, Keokuk's zone six will be just as far from its center as Washington's zone six is.

How Rates Are Fixed.

It can be seen from this readily enough that the postal rates from Washington to its particular zone will be the same as the postal rates from Keokuk to its particular zones. Each unit being about thirty miles square will of course contain in most cases a number of postoffices, but each office in the same unit is considered as being in the center of the circles from which the zones are drawn. The rates of postage are fixed from the unit in which the sending postoffice is situated, but the price to every place in any zone is just the same. To illustrate, it will cost exactly the same amount to send a parcel from Washington to Erie, Pa., that it costs to send it to Atlanta Ga., because Erie and Atlanta with reference to Washington are situated in the fourth zone. The rates therefore are fixed from the unit in which the postoffice is located, but they are the same from that office to any point in any one zone.

It will be seen by reference to the table of rates of postage that it will cost more per pound to send a package a long distance than it does to send it a short distance. The rate increases for a package weighing one pound at the rate of one cent for each zone. No package weighing more than 11 pounds can be sent under the new parcel post law. It should be said right here that on the long hauls the parcel post may not be able to compete with the express companies, but that on shorter hauls it can so compete. It was the expressed desire of the legislature and

of the postoffice officials that the parcel post system should be made of particular use to persons having farm and factory products to transmit to customers. It can be said in a general way that anything can be sent which is properly wrapped and which will not injure other mail matter with which it may come in contact.

Copy Foreign Countries.

It is probable that the government will adopt a means of transportation for certain kinds of its merchandise much like those which have been adopted in parcel post countries abroad. What the English call hamper, basket-like arrangements, probably will be adopted, and the ordinary mail matter it is believed that the regulations as finally adopted will allow the sending of eggs, butter, dressed poultry, live poultry, honey, fruit, and other products of the country.

The 11-pound limit for a single package may work at first against any very extended use of the parcel post for some of the articles which have been named. Of course, more weight can be sent if it is sent in different parcels, but the cost in that case would be heavier, because the increase per pound on a single package is not great. It would increase at no greater rate if the government were to raise the limit of weight which is now fixed.

Every postmaster in the United States will have a parcel post map like the one which is here reproduced except that the zone lines will be shown with the unit of his postoffice as a center. All that a postmaster will have to do when a parcel is presented for transportation is to find out in what zone the destination of the package lies. His table will show him instantly the rate per pound from the unit in which his postoffice is situated to the zone of the package's destination. The price has been explained before, so to every postoffice in any one zone being the same. The parcel post will take nothing but fourth-class matter. Printed matter is still in the third-class designation, therefore books cannot be sent by the parcel post system.

Rate on Seeds Not Affected.

It should be said that the act of congress which puts a parcel post plan into operation does not in any way affect the postage rate on seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants as fixed by section 482 of the postal laws and regulations.

The classification of articles mailable as well as the weight limit, the rates of postage, zone or zones and other conditions of mailability under the act of congress, if the postmaster general shall find on experience "that they or any of them are such as to prevent the shipment of articles desirable, or shall permanently render the cost of the service greater than the receipts of the revenue therefrom," he is hereby authorized, subject to the consent of the interstate commerce commission after investigation, to return from time to time such classification, weight limit, rates, zone or zones or conditions in order to promote the service to the public or to insure the receipt of revenue from such service adequate to pay the cost thereof.

RULES GOVERNING MAILING OF PACKAGES UNDER NEW SYSTEM

After Jan. 1 One May Mail Anything Weighing Not More Than 11 Pounds by Parcel Post—Perishable Articles May Be Sent Under Specific Restrictions.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has just approved the regulations which cover in detail the articles which may or may not be sent by parcel post.

The rules as to what can be sent and what cannot be sent and the instructions for the preparation of mailable articles with other "official" advice are given here as they have just been prepared by the postoffice department in Washington.

The minimum rate will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound to any point not exceeding fifty miles from the office of mailing; the local rate, which is five cents for the first pound and one cent for additional pound, applies to all parcels the delivery of which does not involve their transportation on railway lines. The rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones, the maximum rate being twelve cents a pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent or to any of our possessions. Parcels will be limited to eleven pounds in weight and six feet in length and girth combined.

Mailable Perishable Articles.

Butter, lard and perishable articles such as fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, berries and articles of a similar nature that decay quickly, when so packed or wrapped as to prevent damage to other mail matter, will be accepted for local delivery either at the office of mailing or on any rural route starting therefrom. When enclosed in an inner cover and strong outer cover of wood, metal, heavy corrugated pasteboard or other suitable material and wrapped so that nothing can escape from the package, they will be accepted for mailing to any office within the first zone or within a radius of 50 miles. Butter, lard, or any greasy or oily substance intended for delivery at offices beyond the first zone must be suitably packed. Vegetables and fruit that do not decay quickly will be accepted for mailing to any zone if packed so as to prevent damage to other mail matter. Eggs will be accepted for local delivery when securely packed in a basket or other container. Eggs will be accepted for mailing regardless of distance when each egg is wrapped separately and packed in a container. There is no restriction on salted, dried, smoked or cured meats and other meat products, but fresh meat in any form will be transported only within the first zone. Parcels containing perishable articles must be marked "PERISHABLE," and they are likely to spoil within the time reasonably required for transportation and delivery will not be accepted for mailing.

Manufactured Articles.

Manufacturers or dealers intending to transmit articles in considerable quantities should be advised that the parcel post system is not designed for the shipment of large quantities of manufactured articles. Such articles should be shipped by other means.

quantities are asked to submit to the postmaster for approval a specimen parcel showing the manner of packing.

Queen Bees and Nursery Stock.

Queen bees, live insects, and dried reptiles may be mailed in accordance with the regulations that now apply to other classes of mail.

Seeds of fruit, nursery stock, and all other plant products for preparation may be mailed under the same conditions.

Confectionery and Soap.

Candies, confectionery, yeast cakes, soap in hard cakes, etc., must be enclosed in boxes and so wrapped as to prevent injury to other mail matter.

Scaled original packages of proprietary articles, such as soaps, tobacco, pills, tablets, etc., put up in fixed quantities by the manufacturer, and not in themselves unmarketable, will be accepted for mailing when properly wrapped.

Millinery.

Fragile articles, such as millinery, toys, musical instruments, etc., and articles consisting wholly or in part of glass, or containing glass, must be securely packed and the parcel stamped or labeled "FRAGILE."

Unmailable Matter.

The following matter is declared unmailable by law: Matter manifestly obscene, low, indecent, or intended for preventing conception; articles intended for indecent or immoral purposes; all matters otherwise mailable by law, the outside cover or wrapper of which bears any delineation, or language of a libelous, scurrilous, defamatory, or threatening character. All such matter, when deposited in a post office or

found in the mails, shall be withdrawn and sent to the division of dead letters.

Intoxicants, Poisons and Inflammable Materials.

Spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented or other intoxicating liquors of any kind; poisons of every kind; and articles and compositions containing poisons, poisonous animals, insects and reptiles; explosives of every kind; inflammable material (which are held to include matches, kerosene oil, gasoline, naphtha, benzine, turpentine, denatured alcohol, etc.); infernal machines, and mechanical, chemical or other devices or compositions which may ignite or explode; disease germs or scabs, and other material or artificial articles, compositions or materials of whatever kind which may kill, or in any wise injure another or damage the mail or other property. Postmasters will refuse to receive for mailing parcels not properly indorsed or packed for safe shipment.

Pistols, Animals and Birds.

Pistols or revolvers, whether in detached parts or otherwise; live or dead (and not stuffed) animals, birds, or poultry, except as elsewhere provided; raw hides or pelts, guano, or any article having a bad odor will not be admitted.

Insurance on Parcels.

A mailable parcel on which the postage is fully prepaid may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50, on payment of a fee of ten cents in parcel post stamps, such stamps to be affixed.

Parcels may be remailed or forwarded on the payment of additional postage at the rate which would be chargeable if they were originally mailed at the forwarding office, in which case the necessary stamps will be affixed by the forwarding postmaster. Payment must be made every time the parcel is forwarded.

Maps and Guides.

Parcel post maps, with accompanying guides, are to be sold to the public at their cost, 75 cents, through the chief clerk of the post office department. In ordering maps care should be taken to specify the post office from which the postage rates are to be determined.

FACTS ABOUT THE NEW PARCEL POST

The new parcel post goes into operation January 1, 1913.

Only mail matter now included in fourth class, or merchandise, will be handled.

Perishable articles such as butter, lard, fruits, berries and dressed fowls may be sent short distances.

Eggs for local delivery when packed in containers may be sent. When packed separately they may be sent any distance.

Fresh meats may be sent only in the first zone (50 miles).

There are no restrictions on salted, dried or cured meats or fish.

Millinery, toys, musical instruments, glassware and breakable goods must be marked "FRAGILE."

The following may not be sent: Intoxicating liquors, poisons, matches, explosives, firearms and live poultry.

Books and printed matter are included in third class and may not be sent.

The weight limit will be eleven pounds.

To find the size limit: Take a piece of string 72 inches long and wind it once completely around the parcel and then across the top lengthways.

If the ends of the string reach the sides of the parcel it comes under the limit.

Regular carriers will deliver parcels wherever possible.

Parcels must be mailed at the postoffice or branches and special stamps must be used.

RATES OF POSTAGE

Parcels weighing four ounces or less are mailable at the rate of one cent for each ounce or fraction of an ounce, regardless of distance. Parcels weighing more than four ounces are mailable at the pound rate, as shown by the following table, and when mailed at this rate any fraction of a pound is considered a full pound.

	1st zone	2nd	3d	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Wt.	Local	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone
Lbs.	rate.	rate.	rate.	rate.	rate.	rate.	rate.	rate.
1	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.11
2	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.16	0.19	0.22
3	0.07	0.11	0.14	0.17	0.20	0.23	0.28	0.31
4	0.08	0.14	0.18	0.22	0.26	0.30	0.37	0.41
5	0.09	0.17	0.22	0.27	0.32	0.37	0.46	0.51
6	0.10	0.20	0.26	0.32	0.38	0.44	0.55	0.61
7	0.11	0.23	0.30	0.37	0.44	0.51	0.64	0.71
8	0.12	0.26	0.34	0.42	0.50	0.58	0.73	0.81
9	0.13	0.29	0.38	0.47	0.56	0.65	0.82	0.91
10	0.14	0.32	0.42	0.52	0.62	0.72	0.91	1.00
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*For a full explanation of the rates of postage, in the First Zone see the Parcel Post Guide.

Even Exchange.

Broker—Our bookkeeper has stolen \$50,000 from us and lost it at Skinnem & Shark's.
Partner—Well, we'll get him a job at Skinnem & Shark's and let him do his trading with us.

Look That Gives Joy.

Gold and silver may supply us with the necessities of life, with food and drink, clothes and houses; but they cannot give the joy of a kind look.—Lord Avebury.

Paradoxical.

"You meet some oddities in business." "Give me an instance of what you mean." "It takes a promising young man to establish a paying trade."

The Sabbath.

A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers and like a homestead without a garden.—Beecher.

His Method.

"I always did make a hit with the women," bragged Henry VIII. "With your wit, sire?" murmured the obsequious courtier. "No," answered the monarch, with a sly smile. "With an ax."

Pomp in the East.

"I understand the king of Siam has a white elephant." "Yes, and it gave him great prestige until the king of Cambodia visited Europe. He brought back a second-hand taxicab."

Fixed Habit.

Smith—Has your son any fixed habit that worries you as to his future?
Jones—Yes; he fights about ten rounds every morning with the alarm clock.—Judge.

Success and Failure.

It is sometimes hard to find out just how the man who is successful has managed to succeed. But it is always easy to see why failure comes to those who fail.—Chicago Record Herald.

Often Something Bad.

"There are very few people in this world who know what is good for them."
"Maybe so, but there are comparatively few people in the world who don't know what they want."

Force of Habit.

"Why did she want to get her husband's will aside?" "Merely because it was her husband's, and she had got in the habit of setting his will aside."—Houston Post.

In the Balkans.

"I call for volunteers!" "For what, general?" "To rush up in front of yonder contraption and see whether it is a new-fangled gun or merely a moving picture machine."

Children Feel Inquisitive.

"In the little world in which children have their existence, whatsoever brings them up, there is nothing so finely perceived and so finely felt as injustice."—Charles Dickens.

The Season's Greeting

To all our patrons and their friends we extend our heartiest thanks for their liberal patronage, and our very best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.

Central Drug Store

A. C. Olson, Prop.

Crawford Avalanche.

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 26

THOSE of us who have tripped the light fantastic to the music of an inspiring orchestra, who have mingled in the happy crowd and spent an evening, perhaps, frivolously, in the joys of a ball room and met our friends and their companions, may look back to those occasions with a feeling of ecstasy and fond remembrance. The ball room with the prettily dressed ladies, and the gentlemen in the conventional black is a beautiful sight, and the numerous feet moving to the rhythm of the music and the gay and happy faces is one of the greatest social pleasures that has been given to the people of the civilized countries.

Past generations have enjoyed the terpsichorean art and it was only necessary to announce that there would be a dance at — and everybody felt privileged to attend. However the social lines are being drawn closer each year. Social classes naturally form themselves in every community. Man is endowed or has cultivated a certain standard of character which, in spite of himself carries him to those of his type and make-up. Here he feels at home, and in no other class.

In every class may be found those of various walks of life. The rich, the professional, the workman, the merchant—all kinds of vocations. It is simply to use the slang phrase, "up to us" as to whom shall accept our associations. The debauchee, who graces a social function, unit may blame himself for being left off the invited list next time. To inflict ones presence with the odor of strong drink upon a company of social dancers, is a disgrace, and nothing will segregate one more surely from such functions. If one must drink, he has no moral right to invade the presence of the ball room while under its influence. "Door rights reserved" should not be necessary upon the invitations, yet these restrictions are sometimes required. These are some of the reasons for social classes. Such are necessary safeguards for our young people. This paper does not wish to pose as a moral dictator, but it is sometimes necessary to offer a thought that may set right some of the well-meaning but thoughtless youths. Let's enjoy the dance and endeavor to make our friends happy because of our presence.

O. P. S.

Why I Buy at Home.

(From the Bay City Tribune, and reproduced in the American Lumberman, of Chicago.)

Because my interests are here.
Because the community that is good enough for me to live in is good enough for me to buy in.
Because I believe in transacting business with my friends.
Because I want to see the goods.
Because I want to get what I pay for.
Because every dollar I spend at home stays at home and helps work for the welfare of the city.
Because the man I buy from stands back of the goods.
Because I sell what I produce here at home.
Because the man I buy from pays his part of the city and county taxes.
Because the man I buy from helps support my school, my church, my lodge and my home.

Condolence.

Whereas in view of the loss we have sustained by the decease of our friend and Companion, Katherine Burke, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to her, therefore be it Resolved, That it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that in regretting her removal from our midst, we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard. Resolved: That we sincerely condole with the family of the deceased on the dispensation with which it has pleased the divine Providence to afflict them and commend them for consolation to Him, who orders all things for the best and whose chastisements are meant in Mercy. Resolved, That our heartfelt testimonials of sympathy and sorrow be forwarded to the son of our departed companion.

MARTHA JOSEPH,
JOHANNA CROWLEY,
LIZZIE VANPATEN,
Committee.

NATURALLY



DeQuiz—Windy was a barker in a circus once, wasn't he?
De Whiz—Yes.
De Quiz—When did he give up this line of continuous talk?
De Whiz—When he married.

The Right Price of Meat At The Right Market

Porterhouse per pound 12c
Sirloin per pound 12c
Round per pound 12c
Kettle Roasts 10
Plate Beef and other cuts from 6c to 8c by the chunk.

Remember, I quote all cuts of the quarter. All meats wrapped and delivered. Give me a call at the New Market, corner of Ogemaw and Chestnut, opp. school house. You'll—

I am here to stay.

P. J. MOSHIER

COMFORT IN TRAVELER'S TEA

One Wise in Lore of Creature Comfort Never Wanders Far Without Her Own Tea Caddy.

In traveling both at home and abroad, there is great comfort in your own cup of tea. On the steamer, particularly, you miss your own brand and the well-versed traveler who is wise in the lore of creature comforts never wanders far from home without her tea caddy. It adds greatly to her popularity. "Oh, if I only had a good cup of tea," is the general cry on shipboard and then this far-sighted woman produces the center of attraction, and has her little coterie every afternoon. There are some who prefer it for the morning meal, too, instead of the usual mediocre coffee with condensed milk.

For this poignant need of the traveler, a charming little tea box of mahogany containing a small silver tea caddy and a little tea ball, reproducing a miniature tea kettle, has been put upon the market. It is very simple in arrangement, compact, and easy to pack and makes a really practical gift.

There are many places on the continent where good tea is a real luxury, and many a disappointed American can be astonished when she pays her bill for what she considers a very simple repast. She finds that her cup of tea costs more than a very elaborate dessert, and so it is a great economy as well as comfort to carry your own tea with you.

HINTS ON CANNING GREENS

Method Which If Followed Carefully Will Insure Success Every Time.

Many things used for greens may be canned by the following method. Pick over carefully and wash the leaves. A mixture of kinds is desirable: cook in boiling salted water as for the table until nearly done; do not have much water, but cook in closed kettle to make the steam do the work. Then pack closely in jars and pour over them boiling vinegar to fill every air space; then seal tightly as any other canning. Pack the greens closely in the jar, and when pouring in the boiling vinegar, run a knife blade around the edge in order to open up the spaces for the vinegar. Wipe each jar in brown paper, or put into paper bags, and keep as other canned fruits. Spinach, mustard, chard, beet and other greens are put up in this way—Commoner.

Tomato Sauce.

One cup strained tomatoes, two tablespoons butter, two tablespoons flour, quarter teaspoon salt, sprig of onion, salt, pepper, and a dash of sugar. Melt the butter, add onion, blend thoroughly; add gradually strained tomato, stirring constantly. Boil three minutes or more. Season with salt and pepper. If desired, a little chopped onion may be fried with the butter and removed before adding flour, and have baked crackers with it. Split round crackers in halves, spread with a layer of butter on the inside. Place them on the buttered side up in a pan and brown in a hot oven. Serve plain or with tomato sauce or any kind of soups or oyster stew.

Danish Pudding.

One pint dried bread crumbs, roll, fine, put in a bowl; mix with half cup sugar and brown in fry-basin. Make a pint or more of apple sauce, sweeten, flavor with fresh lemon, put layer of sauce and layer of bread crumbs into pudding dish; when the dish is full put melted butter on the top; bake half hour; then let the pudding get cold and cover with whipped cream. It is better to make the day before it is to be served. It is improved by putting a little fruit spice into the pudding before baking.

Pineapple Pudding.

Drain the juice from a can of pineapple (grated). To the fruit add one-half pound marshmallows broken in small pieces, one-half cupful sugar, one-half cupful chopped English walnuts, get sand a white, then over it turn a pint heavy sweet cream and whip all together until it becomes a stiff froth—when dropped from the spoon it will stand alone. Stand on ice until ready to serve.

Plum Pudding.

One pound currants, one pound seedless raisins, one pound suet, one quarter pound candied lemon peel cut up fine, one pound sugar, one pound flour, three eggs, one teaspoonful cinnamon, one teaspoonful nutmeg, one small turnip, one small carrot, one small apple, one small potato, this must be grated; mix with three-quarters cup cider. Put in cloth and boil eight hours.

Tutti-Frutti Ice Cream.

Take a tablespoonful each of the following preserved fruits: Raspberries, strawberries, currants, apricots, green gages, gooseberries, plums and ginger. Add to these a little candied orange peel, cut into tiny, thin pieces. Sweeten a quart of cream with one-half pound of sugar, and add to it a cordial glass of novum, then thoroughly stir in the fruit and freeze.

Shrimp Salad.

Create two tablespoonfuls of butter and four tablespoonfuls of flour together, add yolks of three eggs and two cups of milk and cook until thickened. Add salt, pepper and a pinch of cayenne pepper, one-half teaspoonful of mustard and one can of shrimps broken in small pieces.

TREATMENT OF FLOORS

HINTS THAT THE HOUSEKEEPER WILL FIND HELPFUL.

White Shellac Followed by Wax Polish Best for Parquet Floors—Old Floors Stained to Match Rugs.

Even in new houses where hardwood floors are fresh and clean, some of the rooms will look better stained. For a parquet floor there is no better finish than to first fill with a coat of white shellac and then apply a wax evenly with a cloth. Let the wax remain on several hours before rubbing down to a high polish with the weighted brush that comes for this purpose. With this simple finish the floors are easily kept bright by being rubbed with the weight once a week and being dusted daily with an ordinary broom over which a woolen cloth is tied.

Old floors may be stained to match the rugs so easily that one wonders why it is not often done. Purchase a package of dye that you want your floor, or you can get seal brown, which will resemble walnut when done, or light brown, which gives a handsome shade. Dissolve in boiling water as directed on the envelope and apply with a scrubbing or a whitewash brush. When perfectly dry this may be varnished. This finish may also be used on home-made furniture and on woodwork that has never been painted.

Very often stains made at home are more satisfactory than those already mixed; a pound of dry color costs in the neighborhood of ten cents, and this mixed with two quarts of turpentine will give beautiful stains of any desired color. Burnt sienna mixed with turpentine and applied to the floors with a coarse brush and then wiped off with a rag before it is entirely dry gives a beautiful mahogany stain, and the grain of the wood shows through beautifully.

Raw sienna also gives a transparent stain with a fine sunny yellow or orange effect, according to how much turpentine is used to dilute it with. It is a good color for halls, as it does not show the grain of the wood so plainly as darker stains do. Prussian blue is a powerful stain with great possibilities. Two or three tablespoonfuls of the dry color will be sufficient for a half gallon of turpentine. On a yellow pine floor it gives green and blue shades that blend with blue hangings.

To keep a fine gloss on varnished floors do not wash with soap suds, but sprinkle with dairy salt or coarse salt. Allow it to remain on five minutes and then sweep off with a soft broom.

When you must wash painted or varnished floors, put a little kerosene in the water. This will give a gloss.

Carpeted floors should never be covered with a carpet for dozens of reasons that all good housekeepers know. Linoleum is an ideal covering. If it is out of the question several coats of good inside paint will be found next best. Strips of carpet and rag rugs prevent the paint wearing off and soften the uncovered floor to tired feet.—Henrietta D. Grauel, Domestic Science Lecturer.

Bread and Butter Pudding.

Cut stale bread into slices, dip in melted butter and arrange in a small baking pan—a slice of the bread to a layer of raisins which have been carefully washed and seeded. When the pan is full pour over it a mixture made of one pint of milk, the yolks of two eggs and two tablespoonfuls of white sugar. Bake in a moderate oven for half an hour. When baked whip to a stiff froth the whites of the eggs and pour over the custard, return to the oven for an instant until slightly browned. Serve with whipped cream or brandy sauce.

The Darning Basket.

When the weekly wash comes up from the laundry test the clothes that need mending and find patches of the material, yarn to darn with, or whatever is necessary to mend with, and pin the pieces to the articles to be mended; then put them aside in a drawer or sewing bag until you have time to sit down quietly and sew. Having everything ready, you will be surprised at the amount you can do at one sitting. By this method the weekly mending loses half of its terrors for the busy housekeeper.

Scald the Pears.

Scald your pears just as you do your peaches for canning. It is best to try a few at first, as ripe pears left in the boiling water too long will become soft and those that are green will not loosen from the skin unless left in longer. The water must be boiling. Then plunge the pears in cold water until ready to peel, when the skin will rub off easily. Reheat the water and use again. Do not wash first, as the skin will not loosen so easily.

When Breaking Eggs.

Very frequently when separating the whites from the yolks of eggs the yolk becomes broken and falls into the white. Dip a cloth in warm water, wring it dry and touch the yolk with a corner. The yolk will adhere to the cloth and may easily be removed.

To Keep Toast.

Toast that is put in a glass jar with the lid screwed on tightly will keep fresh for hours.—Good Housekeeping.

Notice of Sale.

The Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery.

Jacob Katz, Trustee Complainant, vs. E. J. Saltzman, Defendant.

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit court for the county of Crawford, in chancery, made and entered on the 13th day of May, A. D. 1912, in the above entitled cause, I, the subscriber a circuit commissioner of the county of Otsego, shall sell at public auction or vendue, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court house in the village of Grayling, in said county of Crawford, on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1913, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all those certain lands situate and described as the Northwest quarter of the North-east quarter of section twelve (12), in township twenty-six north, of range four West, containing forty acres, more or less.

ANTHONY MARSHALL, Circuit Court Commissioner dec12-6t

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Crawford

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling, in said County, on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1912.

Present: Hon. Wellington Batterson Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of George Ranger deceased.

Oscar Palmer, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court his petition, praying for license to sell the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described at private sale for the purpose of distribution.

It is ordered, that the 17th day of January, A. D. 1913, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

WELLINGTON BATTESSON, Judge of Probate.

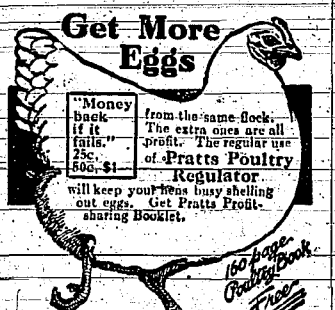
A true copy. Wellington Batterson, dec19-3w Judge of Probate

Thoroughbred Cockerels for Sale.

Rhode Island Reds, that are fed, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. Black Minorcas, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. White Leghorns, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. Eggs for hatching ready by March 15. Phone 1173 or address.

JAMES OVERTON, Grayling, Mich.

The tax roll for the township of Maple Forest is now in my hands and I will be at home at my farm every Monday to receive taxes. Dec. 12 3w OSCAR E. SCHARRON



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We wish to extend our most sincere thanks to all our friends and patrons for their patronage during the year of 1912. By your patronage you have made our success possible. We will continue to make our Model Bread the best you can buy and thereby merit your continued patronage.

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Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 26

Local and Neighborhood News.

Have you renewed your subscription yet.

Rev. V. J. Hufion, spent last Saturday in Gaylord.

Wanted—A new milch cow at once. Dec. 12th. JULIUS NELSON.

Mrs. T. Sayan, of Ausable, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lucile Baker.

Miss Emma Fredericksen spent Christmas with her parents in Gaylord.

Jesse Sales came home from Gaylord to spend Christmas with her parents and friends.

Harry Connine is home from the University of Michigan to spend his holiday vacation.

Miss Clara Nelson who is attending Mt. Pleasant normal is home to spend the holiday vacation.

Mrs. C. W. Hewitt and daughter Greva and Miss Mabel Dargis spent X-Mas in Bay City.

Miss Edna Brown, who is attending the Bliss-Alger college at Saginaw, is home for the holidays.

Molly Johnson of Wolverine spent Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson and family.

Arldolph Olson, of Detroit, is visiting at the home of his father, J. P. Olson and family, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klatt of Detroit is visiting Mrs. Klatt's mother, Mrs. Johanna Hanson, and family.

Horse for sale cheap. Weight about 1000 pounds. Good for work or driving. Price \$50.00. JOHN STRIMMAN.

Mrs. J. B. Woodburn and daughter, Miss Bertha and son Earl spent Christmas with relatives in Johannesburg.

Lost—A cameo pin, last evening, between C. T. Jerome's and Charles Tromble's. Finder please leave at this office.

The Methodist Society gave a set of moving pictures at the Temple theater last Saturday night, illustrating the life of Christ from the manger to the cross.

M. Brenner left Tuesday night on a purchasing trip to Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Marionette, Wis. He expects to return next week.

Christmas visitors at the home of Mrs. Jesse Bobenmeyer were her mother, Mrs. Bonaid, and Miss May Nichols, of Saginaw.

Their will be installation of officers at the Masonic lodge tomorrow (Friday) night. Every member is urged to be present and bid farewell to the retiring officers and welcome the new.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Collin, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson and Miss Mabel Dawson were called to West Branch, Wednesday of last week to attend the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Maude Alexander, who died at her home in Ontonagon.

Zeke Hanson, of Ewen, is in Grayling making his old friends happy by his presence. He is at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. John K. Hanson. He left Grayling about a year ago and this is his first visit home, and as may be imagined, he is enjoying it. At present he is in the employ of the L. Jensen Lumber Co., at Ewen.

Twenty-five well filled boxes were sent to as many homes by the ladies of the Goodfellowship club, Monday afternoon. The very liberal contributions by the citizens of Grayling made it possible for the work to be carried out on a much larger scale than was originally planned. Through the personal interest of Mayor T. W. Hanson, over \$188 was collected of which \$17-dollars was spent for toys, \$110 for provisions and the remaining amount for clothing, besides a large quantity of second hand clothing was contributed. The Goodfellowship club wishes to thank all who assisted them in any way. Over eighty-five children are well fed, warmly clothed and happy with new toys this Christmas tide because of this generosity.

Ray Amidon, of Flint, came up to eat X-Mas dinner with his parents.

Karl Hanson who is working in Detroit is home to spend the holidays.

House for rent—Inquire of Mrs. Cella Graeger. Dec 5 14 adv

Miss Agnes Hanson who is teaching in Mt. Pleasant is home for the holidays.

Miss Sarah Kelton, of Bay City, is a guest at the home of N. Michelson and family.

C. E. Bingham and family left Monday for Bay City, to spend X-mas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Freeman, of Ypsilanti, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Mabel Dawson, of Bay City, is here to spend Xmas with relatives and friends.

Sam. Collen, of Detroit is home, spending his vacation with parents and friends.

The Danish Sunday school is holding X-mas exercises at Danebod hall this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and Miss Florence, are spending the holidays in Bay City.

Miss Bessie McCullough has been assisting in the post office during the rush of Xmas mail this week.

Mrs. Geo. S. Dyer arrived last Friday evening for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Walker.

Miss Bessie McCullough, who has been teaching the first four grades in "Deward," is home for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lesprance and Miss Jennie Ingley spent Christmas with the former's daughter, Mrs. Wm. Johnson of Gaylord.

Two beds, complete; oil stove, dining room table and couch will be sold cheap, if taken at once. Mrs. George Langevin. Phone 1162.

James Ballard, of Buckley, editor of the Buckley Enterprise, was called here last Thursday by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Frank Burgess.

Your ice cream orders for New Year dinner will receive our prompt attention. Orders delivered when wanted. Price 50c per quart. Order early. OLAF SORINSON & SON.

Miss Signa Elterson came home from her school in Mto. and is spending the holidays with her father and friends, her mother being in Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. Du Bois and baby Jean and Miss Florence Doty, of Grand Rapids are guests of their sister Mrs. Oscar Schuman and family. They will return Saturday.

Clyde Hum who is attending the U. of M. arrived last week to spend his holiday vacation with relatives and friends. He was accompanied by Claude Peterson, of South Dakota, who is attending the University.

Lost in Grayling—A pocket book containing a gold watch and a small amount of money, by a deaf and dumb girl, Sunday, December 22. Watch valued at \$25-dollars. Finder please notify this office.

On Monday last a U. S. Naturalization inspector entered the county clerk's office here without notice and after examining papers and records kept in this office pronounced them very satisfactory, clean and complete in every way.

More than 500 invitations have been issued for the first annual ball and banquet to be given by the Loyal Order of Moose, on New Year's night, January 1st. Elaborate preparations are being made to make this party a grand success.

Second-Hand Furniture. We have opened a second hand furniture business and will buy and sell second hand furniture. Let us know what you have to sell and look over our bargains when you want to buy. Store on South Side. Phone 62. P. E. JOHNSON.

Oct. 31st Hereafter only parcel post stamps will be accepted as postage on articles sent under that classification. The ordinary stamps are not of value as parcel post stamps. Another feature is one that forbids any person taking stamps away from the post office. These must be affixed to parcels at the office of purchase.

We cordially invite every family in this county to become a subscriber to this paper. You need it if you care to keep in touch with home affairs. The price is \$1.50 a year. In return we will give you 52 copies of good clean reading—full of news that you can't find in daily papers, and clean enough for any member of the family to read. We'll do our best to please you during the coming year. Start right for 1913.

A stage is being built in the Temple theater. The floor has been cut and raised to proper height. Up-to-date foot lights will be installed and new scenery throughout. Waldemar Jensen will paint the scenery and flies, also decorate the walls and ceiling and it is a foregone conclusion that this will be fine. New opera chairs will be installed and manager Victor Salling says that he will have as fine a theater as one could wish to see. At the time that this building was erected it was planned with a view of someday building a stage, thus the work of raising a portion of the stage floor was a simple matter. Dressing rooms will be arranged in the basement beneath the stage. N. R. Nelson is doing the carpenter work.

Norman Spencer of the M. A. C. is expected here the last of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lee, of Lovells, were business callers in this city last week Thursday.

A ten pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Reynolds last Thursday, December 19.

H. C. Walker visited relatives and friends at Alger and Sterling last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Mabel Fischer arrived home from the Normal school at Ypsilanti Friday to spend the holidays with her parents.

Earl Woodburn arrived home from the U. of M. Saturday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Woodburn, and friends.

There will be a New Year dancing party given at the opera house in Frederic on Tuesday evening, Dec. 31, 1912. Music by Walton's orchestra.

A letter received Monday from Col. Loud at Washington, says that he is about to start out on an extended trip to Panama, to be gone several weeks.

Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

W. M.—Geo. Mahon.
S. W.—James Overton.
J. W.—Fred Mutton.
Sec.—A. B. Felling.
S. D.—E. Matson.
J. D.—Geo. Wilbur.
Tyler—A. L. Pond.

Stewards—M. Brenner, A. L. Collen. Installation of officers on Friday, December 27, 1912. A large attendance is expected.

Andrew F. Parker.

Born in Ingham County, this state, June 8, 1866. He came to Crawford county with his parents in the autumn of 1880, and has made his home with them nearly all the time since. He was a charter member of Maple Wood Arbor A. O. G. Was placed in Mercy hospital, this city, about a month ago, but steadily declined till the end, which came at 7 o'clock last Sunday morning. He leaves to mourn his death a father, Louis E. Parker, and two brothers, Herbert E. and Arthur. Remains were laid at rest in Elmwood cemetery last Tuesday, Rev. Ethridge, of Rosecommon, conducted the services which were held at G. A. R. hall.

Card of Sympathy.

We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many friends and fraternal orders who assisted us during the illness and death of our son and brother, Andrew F., who passed away on Sunday, Dec. 22.

LOUIS E. PARKER and Family.

Condolence.

We, the Sisters of Marvin's Relief Corps No. 162, feel that in the sudden death of Sister Eliza Brott, that not only one but all of her associate friends feel that a good and true life has gone out, that a faithful wife and loving mother has gone to her reward. We deeply sympathize with our afflicted friends. May their hearts be lifted on the strong wings of Triumphant Faith, above earth's cares and changes and find the holiest and sweetest influence of the faith gather like a mantle of peace over their stricken souls and enable them to say through their years, "Though he slay me yet I trust him."

God bless you, sorrowing friends. Our words may fail to comfort, yet we pray that though you deplore, you may grow strong to struggle on the way till you shall see your loved one gone before, where all who love shall meet to part no more.

PRUDENCE MARSHALL, LAURA AMIDON, FLORENCE SCHRECK, Committee.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his right shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of \$150 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application he was well. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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OF COURSE

A CALL DOWN.

Weeks—I once knew a man who really enjoyed moving.

Weeks—I don't believe it.

Weeks—It's a fact. You see, he lived in a houseboat.

First Delegate—You didn't open your mouth during the whole convention.

Second Delegate—Oh, yes I did. I yawned all through your speech.

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THE KITCHEN CABINET

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You shall have better cheer, ere you depart.

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And our thanks for a liberal patronage during the year just closing

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ASKS THREE SHIPS

SECRETARY OF NAVY IS THOUGHT TO BE TRYING MR. ROOSEVELT'S RUSE.

MAY GET TWO AS COMPROMISE

More Sailors and Marines Also Are Wanted—Tariff Board May Be Revived After the Democrats Have Revised the Schedules.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington—Secretary of the Navy Meyer has asked for three new battleships. Last year congress authorized only one battleship, and did not authorize that one until there had been a pretty warm controversy on the subject in the house of representatives. It is said that the Republican secretary of the navy has been prompted to ask for three battleships by the fact that the Democratic platform adopted at Baltimore pledged the party to care for the needs of the navy.

Last year, when the naval bill was before the house committee, it became known that the members of the majority party were divided as to the advisability of adding battleships to the navy. Most of the committee members were in favor of the increase, but the opposition was strong on the floor of the house, and particularly strong because some of the recognized party leaders were very much opposed to an enlarged building program. A compromise was effected and one battleship and several smaller ships were authorized for construction.

Trying Roosevelt's Method? It is believed by many members of congress that Secretary Meyer has in mind just what Theodore Roosevelt had in mind some years ago. Mr. Roosevelt wanted two additional battleships built for the navy, but he knew that congress was opposed to any great increase in the naval strength at that time. So it was that Mr. Roosevelt, wanting two ships, asked for four, and the two were forthcoming in the nature of a compromise, a compromise which probably made the president chuckle, because he got just what he wanted and just what he was afraid he would not get. It is suggested that Mr. Meyer hopes, through the compromise plan, to get two ships, whereas if he only asked for two he might have to be content with one.

The United States navy is today third in strength among the naval powers of the world. Great Britain and Germany lead this country, and France follows it as the possessor of fourth place, although the French navy is nearly as strong, on paper at any rate, as the navy of Uncle Sam. The navy department wants more sailors and it has asked congress, through Senator Perkins of California, who has introduced a bill to that effect, to increase the enlisted strength of the navy by one thousand, bringing the total strength up to 53,500 sailors. An increase is asked for the marine corps of 20 per cent, and if it is granted there will within the next year be ten thousand five hundred marines in the service of the country.

May Revive Tariff Board. The tariff board, which went out of existence because of a refusal on the part of congress to renew an appropriation for its support, may possibly come back into being again after the tariff has been revised by the next congress.

There is a strong organization, known as the National Tariff Commission association, which is working hard to arouse public sentiment in favor of a permanent commission, which shall study business conditions at home and abroad and make specific reports on the schedules to congress, with the view of having them adjusted, so that from time to time the tariff on certain articles may be changed without disturbing the whole tariff list.

Already congress is being memorialized by associations and by individuals to give force and effect to a real national tariff commission. It has just been announced that there will be a convention of the advocates of the tariff commission, to be held in Washington, probably simultaneously with the opening of the extra-session of the new congress.

Only One Minority Party? There have been happenings within a few days in congress which point to the injection of trouble for the Republicans and Progressives in the next house. It is now currently reported, and believed, from what the Democratic leaders have said privately, that it is the intention of their party in the house and senate, when congress meets in extra session, to recognize only one minority party, namely, the Republican.

On the face of it, it would not seem that this would create any particular amount of trouble, but when the matter of the committees is taken into consideration and the present method of appointing members to them is thought on, trouble looms large. Under the present system of committee appointments in the house, the majority party and the minority party separately hold caucuses and agree on committee membership. The Democrats, being in control, can do just as they choose in pretty nearly all matters, and so if they recognize only one minority party, thus leaving the Progressives entirely out of consideration, the latter will be wholly at the mercy of the Republicans in committee matters.

It has been announced semi-officially that owing to the large increase in the Democratic membership in the next house, that party's representation on the committees largely will be increased. This means that instead of having a majority on each committee of two or three members, the Democrats in the next house will have a majority in some instances reaching as high as seven or eight. It is within the range of possibility, perhaps, that the Progressive party members of the house, of whom there will be nineteen or twenty, will be given no committee representation.

Gloomy for the Progressives. The Republicans of the house will meet in caucus and will decide on the members who are to represent their party in the committees. If the Democrats, as it is said they are to do, recognize only one minority party, the fate of the Progressives so far as committee representation is concerned, will be entirely in the hands of the Republicans.

The Progressive members intend to hold a caucus of their own and to demand committee representation, but being so greatly in the minority and also being under the handicap of the determination of the Democrats not to recognize them as a party, they perhaps will be able to do nothing more than merely to demand committee representation, for it is seemingly inconceivable that the Progressives will ask the Republicans to do anything for them in the matter of assignments to the subsidiary bodies of the house.

It is virtually certain that the Republicans will have something to say to the Progressives about this committee membership matter, but as there is a stronger partisanship feeling between the Republicans and the Progressives than there is between either of them and the Democrats, the chances are that the Progressives will refuse to accept any favors at the hands of the Republicans. If the Republicans make up their minds to offer committee representation to the Progressives it seems likely, human nature being what it is, that they will offer them only inconspicuous committees, and the lowest ranking membership places on each.

Planning for Inauguration. Washington already is making preparations for its "greatest" show on earth. Every fourth year the capital for two months and a half is in the proverbial, and perhaps bromidic, "rush of preparation." It is the intention of the Democrats to make Woodrow Wilson's inauguration a record-breaking event and neither money nor pains will be spared to accomplish the end in view.

Prior to every presidential inaugural ceremony two committees are appointed to put the thing through. There is the congressional committee which this year already has been authorized and the local Washington committee, much larger in membership than the other and which really does a greater amount of work. Congress has provided for the appointment of three members of the senate and three members of the house of representatives to make the necessary arrangements from the law makers' point of view for the inducing into effect of the Democratic presidential election.

All Kinds of Clubs Expected. Already it is known in Washington that it is the intention of the local committee acting through leading Democrats in all parts of the country to have every state in the Union represented by political organizations, by marching clubs and by other proper kind of clubs which make a good parade show and by any business bodies which can be represented properly without giving the impression that their endeavors are partisan. It is held to be possible for almost any kind of an organization to do honor to a president of the United States without being subjected to the charge that it is acting for political purposes.

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There will be a big military display at Mr. Wilson's inauguration although some of the members of his party are opposed to such use of the military, holding that it is un-Democratic.

World's Smallest Dynamo. What is believed to be the smallest electric dynamo in the world, so small it could be placed on an American penny and not occupy all the space, was recently exhibited before the French Academy of Sciences. The instrument is a perfect miniature of a large machine, and though it is a practical model in all respects, working with a hum that sounds like the buzz of an insect, it weighs only one-fifth of an ounce and is but six-tenths of an inch in height and length. It can be used not only as a generator, but also as a motor, consuming in the latter case two amperes of electric current at a pressure of 2.5 volts, and being easily operated by a small pocket battery. Every detail of the machine is accurately made.

Her Speaking Silence. It is the things she says and does, the leaves suggest that a housewife has a time and a half of her.

Simplify the Problem of Living. I do believe in simplicity. It is as tonishing as well as good, how many trivial affairs even the wisest man thinks he must attend to in a day; how singular an affair he thinks he must omit. When the mathematician would solve a difficult problem, he first tries the equation of all incumbrances, and reduces it to its simplest terms. So simplify the problem of life, distinguish the necessary and the real—Thorndike "Letters."

Very Human Wish. Merta was five years old, and she had been told so many times that she was a big girl now and must be good that her very soul had sickened. She did not want to be five years old any longer. She wanted to be a girl of fifteen, five and good enough to kill you. At last she had a good time.

Patron—What took you so long with my eggs? Waiter—I didn't delay, sir, but they were awful.

COUNTING UNCLE SAM'S CASH



In order to verify the accounts of the retiring treasurer of the United States, Mr. McLaughlin, all the cash and bonds in the treasury had to be counted. This photograph shows the counters at work in one of the big vaults, each compartment of which holds about \$10,000,000 in coin.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Kalamazoo has extended an invitation to the Michigan Retail Lumber Dealers' association to meet in Kalamazoo in 1913.

Before the Saginaw Board of Trade, Congressman Fordney urged enacting an agricultural expert, promising the support of the government.

Steps have been taken to organize a co-operative company to build a grain elevator in Alma. It is proposed to give the farmers the benefit of the profits.

Flint's city council decided to open a municipal skating rink in Thread Lake park. A sign will be placed on the city hall to indicate when skating is good.

Several weeks ago infantile paralysis seized six children of George M. Askell, of Lucas, and killed one of them. Now the other five are practically well.

Flint socialists have purchased a plot of ground for division among the non-taxpaying members in order that all members of the party may become qualified voters.

The public domain commission has received 75 applications for the post of secretary, which is to be vacated when Secretary Carlton becomes land commissioner, June 1.

Plans are being made to hold the ninth annual Michigan corn show of the State Corn Improvement association at the Kalamazoo Western hotel, Jan. 10 and 11.

On Jan. 1 the Grand Trunk railroad will provide modern vestibule equipment and improved train service on C. S. & M. branch, between Bay City, Saginaw and Durand.

The Ingham County Progressive club endorsed Charles C. De Camp, of Lansing, for messenger to carry the result of Michigan's presidential election to Washington.

Henry Bush, of Capree, was awarded \$5,000 damages against the Grand Trunk railroad for injuries received when his horse became frightened at a train and ran away.

Mrs. James H. Wellington, of Saginaw, state treasurer of the W. C. T. U. in 1910, prominent worker in hospital work in Minneapolis. She was born in Flint 59 years ago.

From a student body of 200 and a community of 3,000 people, has recruited a chorus of 110 voices, and an orchestra of 25 pieces. The conductor is Reese Farrington Veatch.

The state railroad commission has authorized the Michigan State Telephone Co. to purchase the properties of the Marquette Telephone Co. in Marquette county, for \$85,000.

The liquor forces stole the ballot from the women of the state in the same way they kept prohibition out of the state in 1887," says Mrs. E. L. Calkins, state W. C. T. U. president.

Mayer Ellis, of Grand Rapids, has appointed a special committee to investigate the advisability of establishing a municipal coal yard. The plan is to compete with the alleged local coal trust.

Gov. Osborn has received word that the Chicago law and order league has inaugurated a campaign against gambling and asks the governor to take steps towards the suppression of gambling in this state.

Wendell Klaus, of Owosso, believed to be the oldest barber in point of service, in Michigan, celebrated his seventieth birthday by entertaining the barbers of the city. He's been calling "Next!" for 61 years.

Trigonometry has been dropped from the curriculum of the Negaunee high school on the advice of Prof. C. O. Davis, of the University of Michigan, who says the subject is no longer required for admission to the engineering department.

The body of Mrs. Joseph Jettick, 62, was found hanging to a clothes post in the back yard of her home in Grand Rapids. When her husband, who is said to have got drunk to her in five years, was informed of his wife's death he laughed and said he was glad of it.

Albion may have a new municipally owned lighting plant, as a committee of citizens has secured options on two sites for power stations.

In an address, in Saginaw, W. B. Merschner, member of the state tax commission and president of the State Game association, urged that the public interest be awakened to stop the slaughter of birds.

Capt. James Wilcox, of Ontonagon, representative-elect from the Iron district, denies that he will introduce in the legislature a bill legalizing ten-round boxing bouts in Michigan.

THE MARKETS.

DETROIT—Cattle—dry-fed steers, \$7.50; steers and heifers, \$6.00 to \$7.00; calves, \$5.00 to \$6.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.00; chickens, \$2.00 to \$3.00; turkeys, \$1.00 to \$2.00; ducks, \$1.00 to \$2.00; geese, \$1.00 to \$2.00; corn, \$1.00 to \$1.50; wheat, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oats, \$1.00 to \$1.50; barley, \$1.00 to \$1.50; rye, \$1.00 to \$1.50; clover, \$1.00 to \$1.50; timothy, \$1.00 to \$1.50; alfalfa, \$1.00 to \$1.50; hay, \$1.00 to \$1.50; straw, \$1.00 to \$1.50; wood, \$1.00 to \$1.50; coal, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, \$1.00 to \$1.50; sugar, \$1.00 to \$1.50; flour, \$1.00 to \$1.50; cotton, \$1.00 to \$1.50; wool, \$1.00 to \$1.50; rubber, \$1.00 to \$1.50; leather, \$1.00 to \$1.50; glass, \$1.00 to \$1.50; paper, \$1.00 to \$1.50; brick, \$1.00 to \$1.50; stone, \$1.00 to \$1.50; lime, \$1.00 to \$1.50; cement, \$1.00 to \$1.50; iron, \$1.00 to \$1.50; steel, \$1.00 to \$1.50; copper, \$1.00 to \$1.50; zinc, \$1.00 to \$1.50; lead, \$1.00 to \$1.50; 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